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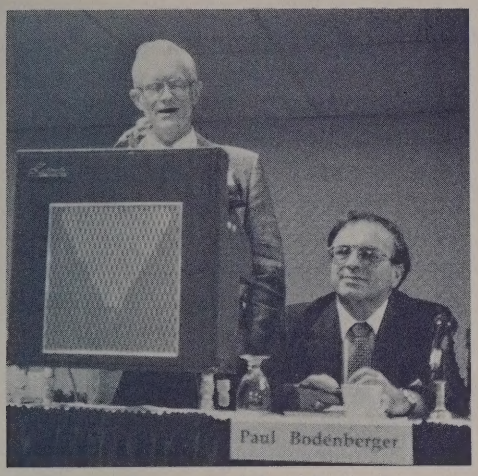
BLM/MMS SEMINAR



George Brown and Paul Bodenberger

The SC, aided by managers and specialists from the Washington Office, Colorado, and Wyoming, recently hosted a seminar for the benefit of 300 people from the Minerals Management Service. Paul Bodenberger of the SC Branch of Resources coordinated the program.

MMS collects royalty payments from oil and gas operators who have leases on public lands. BLM, in turn, administers the vehicle to educate accountants, data analysts, and others from MMS on the role BLM plays.

The two-day session was led by George Brown, BLM's Deputy Assistant Director for Energy and Mineral Resources, and Jerry Hill, Associate Director of Royalty Management for MMS.

Janet Madson and John Evans, SC, discussed computer operating systems related to oil and gas. A presentation on federal leasing was made by Bruce Conrad, Grand Junction District Manager, Jean Crisp, Minerals Adjudication Chief, and Mary Nagel, Land Law Examiner from the Colorado SO. Lease operations were discussed by Lynn Rust and John Snow of the Wyoming SO. Problems related to lease agreements were explained by Bernie Dillon of the Colorado SO. The area of inspection and enforcement was explored by Bill Douglas of Wyoming. In conclusion, Larry Godwin of the WO staff discussed the problems inherent in underground drainage.

Because of the success of this seminar, a similar presentation is planned which will focus on solid minerals.

AUTOMATED LIBRARY CATALOG

For those of you who have walked by the BLM Library recently and wondered about the new computer by the door, wonder no more. The BLM Library, located at the Service Center, is proud to announce its new online "card" catalog. In the planning stages for two years, the new catalog provides fully automated retrieval for the materials owned by the library, using not only the traditional author, title, and subject access points, but also providing full "keyword" retrieval from the title and subject fields. This means that with just a few keystrokes you can locate books on any subject. The new software is user friendly: If you can read the screen, you can work the catalog. Feel free to drop by to play with this technology or to request a demonstration from the reference staff.

Our next step will be to eliminate the old conventional card catalog. We encourage you to drop by and guess the number of cards in the current catalog that are being replaced by the new computer. The closest guess will entitle the winner to a homemade chocolate cake to be awarded at the library's open house on Thursday, February 9th, from 1 pm to 3 pm.

Remember, this is only one of the many computerized tools the BLM Library uses in locating information for its users. If you don't find what you need in our library, let us reach out to the libraries of the world for you. We can access collections around the country, as well as computerized indexes for journals, reports, and other media.

Call extension 6-6649 if you have any questions.

FORTY YEAR AWARD

Priscilla C. Patton was awarded her 40-year pin on January 30 at a luncheon held in her honor. Priscilla graduated from Wellesley College in June 1948 and was recruited as a geologist by the United States Geological Survey that same month. She began her 40-year career with the Government in Washington. After three years in Washington, Priscilla was transferred to Denver and has remained here. She worked successively for the Geologic Division and the Conservation Division of USGS as geologist/ scientific editor for reports submitted for publication.

Priscilla Patton

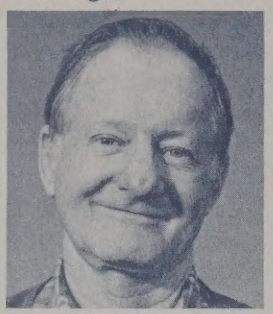
In 1982, the 2,000-employee CD became the new MMS and then the onshore portion merged into BLM, carrying Priscilla with it. She has been working as a geologist with the "infamous" group known as the Washington Office Staff (YA-WO) aka "Black Sheep Squadron" located here at the Service Center. She was charged with the awesome task of being chief editor of the ANWR (Arctic National Wildlife Refuge) coastal plain resource study, a multi-discipline interagency investigation by FWS, USGS, and BLM. The area is on Alaska's North Slope, just east of the giant Prudhoe Bay oil field. The resulting highly technical reports presented necessary information to Congress concerning the oil and gas resources of the area and the Secretary's recommendation as to development and leasing. ANWR is still an unsettled issue facing the Congress.

When not involved with editing, Priscilla keeps busy by managing her church's bookstore, which involves frequent buying and much accounting. She is an accomplished flutist with the local symphony and she works a weekly stint as a volunteer in the emergency room at Lutheran Hospital.

BYE, BYE BLM

After almost 20 years at the SC, Bob Ireland retired in January. No, that is not his ghost you see in Building 50. He has returned temporarily to complete a project which he says must be done by May because he and a cousin are going fishing on the Snake River in Idaho.

Bob began his BLM career in 1964 at the Castle Valley Job Corps Center near Price, Utah. He was the principal and also taught in the academic program at the Center. The enrollees, aged 16-21, were high school dropouts, most entering the program below the third grade reading level. It was a real challenge, but he said the rewards of seeing a number of enrollees pass the GED and go on to jobs more than compensated for the few disappointments.



Bob Ireland

In June, 1969 Bob transferred to the SC when the Job Corps Camp was closed. Since then he has worked in training and technology transfer as a specialist on audio-visual developments and techniques. A significant accomplishment was his development of the cauldron, a multi-media presentation that was given to 150 new employees per year from 1972 to 1979 during the" boom years" of BLM employment.

His fondest memories are of the many people he has met the past 25 years. He, as many others, are caught up in the feeling that BLM is, in many respects, an extended family. And, the chance to work with the full range of resources and the controversies surrounding them made for an exciting career. He is especially grateful to Paul Rigtrup who headed the training function at the SC when Bob came to Denver.

A native of Idaho, Bob graduated from Idaho State University and received his MA in fine arts from the University of Utah. His brother Bill is a realty specialist in the Idaho SO.

He plans to stay in the Denver area, but with extended trips to Idaho for fishing. He also intends to paint and draw and do volunteer work wherever he can fulfill a need.

Ginny Sweeney, who has worked for BLM for the last 10 years, is retiring. Ginny works in Personnel and among many other things is the Special Programs Coordinator. She says "I have especially enjoyed my Special Programs and it has been most gratifying to watch a handicapped person, a veteran, or a co-op student who has been given an opportunity and goes on to be productive and a real asset to our agency." The Special Programs is a success because Ginny gives so much of herself. When she retires, she hopes to continue helping others in a volunteer capacity using her expertise gained getting people employed.

Ginny Sweeney

Ginny also handles the Seasonal Program. In this capacity, she has extensive contact with the Colorado State Office because they hire nearly two hundred seasonal employees every year. With this many employees coming on in a very short time, the program is a bit hectic, yet satisfying, because of the super people she has worked with in Cadastral Survey and in the District Offices. Ginny says, "It's been fun to see the enthusiasm of the young people who have enjoyed their summers working on our public lands, many who come back year after year."

Ginny is a very active person and plans to stay very busy. In addition to volunteer work, she expects to visit her grandchildren more often, to travel, and to take classes. She is combining travel and classes by participating in the Elderhostel programs. This is a program for people over 60 years old who stay on different college campuses while taking a short course there. In March, Ginny will be at the University of Nebraska with this group studying Danish heritage to learn more about her own ancestry.

Ginny's cheerfulness and giving nature will be missed by her coworkers at both the Service Center and the Colorado State Office.

FILL 'ER UP

Allen Layer, Branch of Computer Applications, has just received the Belle Bonfils Award for having given a total of 30 gallons of blood since 1951 (once every five weeks). FACT: DID YOU KNOW THAT A HUMAN BEING HAS 5 PINTS OF BLOOD IN HIS/HER BODY?

If you wish to donate blood, the Belle Bonfils Center is located at 1050 S. Wadsworth Boulevard, Lakewood. Hours are Monday through Wednesday, 10 am - 6 pm, Thursday, 12 pm - 8pm, and Friday, 7 am - 3 pm. If you cannot donate at these times, the next blood drive at the Federal Center will be on March 16, 17, and 18 from 8:45 am - 3 pm in Building 25 (more information is forthcoming). When giving blood at the Federal Center, you are given administrative leave. Most people do not donate blood. However, it is a relatively painless process and very rewarding for the donor and the recipient alike. Why not give it a try?

COMING ATTRACTIONS

In future articles we will cover a variety of topics. Why is heat/air conditioning in Building 50 such a problem? LIS, Target System, what's it all about, Alfie? What is technology transfer and what are they transferring anyway? What are the typical sorts of complaints received by the EEO Office? How have the roles of resource specialists changed at the SC over the past 10 years? What goes on in the computer room in Building 53 (or dare we find out)? Strange happenings in the world of contracting! Who is that ex-cowboy in the snack bar and how did he get here?

If any of you have ideas about stories or subjects you would like to see us cover, call Bill Griffith on 6-0198 or FTS 776-0198, or send a note in care of SC-130.

THIS LIFE IS A TEST

IT IS ONLY A TEST.

Had It Been An Actual Life
You Would Have Received Further
Instructions
On Where To Go
And What To Do

—Alyce P. Cornyn-Selby